Infrastructures for new trains

*298. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trains are introduced or extended by his Ministry without making commensurate arrangements of supporting infrastructure in terms of drivers, guards, TTEs and maintenance staff; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of incidents when train divers and guards were forced to perform duties beyond prescribed hours;

(c) action taken against the officers responsible for such mismanagement, which is a safety hazard; and

(d) steps being taken to ensure timely recruitment and training of Train Running Staff before introduction and extension of trains in future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In case of passenger services train crew is booked in a fixed link that ensures they perform duty within permissible limits except in exceptional circumstances.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Recruitment and training of running staff is an on going process. Staff is recruited on the basis of a periodical review of requirement based on level of traffic. Guidelines exist for both initial and refresher training of all categories of staff with a view to ensure professional competence.

Recommendations of Punnayya Committee

†*299.SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleasd to state:

(a) the amount allocated to each Central university during Ninth Five Year Plan alongwith the amount spent by each university;

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